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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 38, line ~~33~~ 23 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 10 is a flow chart illustrating an embodiment of the present invention in which the PIN is entered directly into the personal key 200. In block 1002, a command is issued which requires access to the user's PIN, such as VerifyPIN and ModifyPIN commands listed in Table 6. At block 1004, ~~The~~ the personal key 200 accepts ~~1004~~ the command, and if necessary, prompts the user for the PIN, as shown in block 1006. This may be accomplished with the display 122, one of the output devices 222, or any combination thereof. Preferably, this is accomplished via a communication path distinct and inaccessible from the USB interface 204. Using one of the input device 218 embodiments described above, at block 1010 the user provides the PIN to the personal key 200. Using a value stored in the memory 214, at block 1012 the processor 212 in the personal key 200 validates the user-entered PIN. In one embodiment, this is accomplished by comparing the user-provided value directly with a value stored in the memory 214. At block 1014, the ~~The~~ personal key then provides ~~1014~~ a response indicating the validity of the PIN, which is accepted by the API 260 at block 1016. The response indicates whether the user supplied PIN was valid.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The processor is also optionally communicatively coupled to one or more light emitting devices ~~216~~ 616 or other visual display device to provide a visual indication of the activities or status of the personal key 200. The processor 212 may also be communicatively coupled with an aural device to provide a vibrational or audio data to the user of the status or activities of the personal key 200.